



## **BEYARMUDU Home Composting Pilot Program: What Is It And How It Will Work**

The Supporting Activities that Value the Environment (SAVE) Project announces the launch of the Beyarmudu Home Composting Pilot Program. Home composting converts kitchen and garden trash into valuable organic compost. The Beyarmudu Home Composting Pilot Program will demonstrate a productive and environmentally friendly way to dispose of your organic household waste, enrich your garden and reduce the amount of garbage dumped into the local dump site.

SAVE and Beyarmudu are looking for 20 households to volunteer for the Home Composting Pilot Program that will begin in December 2007. SAVE will provide training, equipment and technical assistance to volunteers throughout the pilot in order to produce a valuable product for their gardens and help demonstrate the benefits of household composting. **THE PILOT WILL LAST FOR 6 MONTHS.**

### **How Can You Participate?**

1. Complete the application form at the public meeting on **December 6th**. 20 lucky households will be selected the following week and composting units will be delivered.

### **What Pilot Households Will Do:**

1. Participate in the start-up training on December 17th on how to set up the composter and what organic materials can be composted.
2. Follow the simple and easy guidelines provided by SAVE experts on how to compost over the next 6 months.
3. Be available for a monthly visit by a SAVE representative to monitor the progress of your compost and answer your questions.
4. After six months harvest your compost and use it as a natural fertilizer.

### **Benefits of Participation**

1. Composting bins, waste baskets, trainings and written information will be provided to each volunteer household.
2. Participants will have the opportunity to produce 100% organic fertilizer to enrich the soil in their garden and increase the nutritional quality of home grown foods.
3. **SAVE Money!** Produce your own peat free soil conditioner, i.e. compost for free.
4. Reduce the need to buy commercial compost and the amount of chemical fertilizers used on the land.
5. Help protect the environment by disposing of your organic household waste in an environmentally friendly way.
6. Reduce the waste taken to the local dump site by up to 50%.

**DON'T DUMP IT, COMPOST IT!**  
**TURN YOUR TRASH INTO TREASURE!**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 379 9401**

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## What is Home Composting? **SIMPLE!**

Composting is nature's way of recycling decomposable organic materials into a rich soil supplement known as compost. All you have to do to facilitate this process is to throw the right kind of trash into your composter and spin it around every day. Home composting is the controlled decomposition of organic material such as vegetable food waste and garden refuse such as leaves, twigs, and grass clippings. The breakdown or decomposition of the organic material is caused by the natural action of hundreds of different types of bacteria, fungi and other organisms feeding on the material in the composting bin. Finished compost looks like soil – dark brown and crumbly – and smells like a forest floor just after the rain.

## What do we use to Compost? **Organic Materials!**

Organic material is the raw material of the composting process. Kitchen waste such as fruit and vegetable peelings and scraps, coffee grounds, teabags, paper, cotton or wool are a good source of organic material for the compost bin. **DO NOT PUT meat, dairy products, and eggshells in the composter.**

Garden organic material includes almost everything from annual plants, grass clippings, flowers, young hedge clippings and green pruning. **DO NOT PUT weeds or any plants that have recently been sprayed with pesticides, herbicides or fungicides into the compost bin.**

## Why should we compost at home? **To convert trash into treasure!**

Compost is good for our garden and the environment, because it:

- ✓ is a natural, 100% organic fertilizer
- ✓ enriches the soil
- ✓ provides excellent foods and nutrients for the plants, using our own “clean” raw materials
- ✓ reduces the amount of chemical fertilizer we put on the land
- ✓ reduces the need to buy commercial compost
- ✓ helps us protect our environment while we save money!

Home composting will help us:

- ✓ reduce the waste taken to the local dump site by up to 50%
- ✓ reduce pollution, especially greenhouse gases (which contribute to climate change)
- ✓ involve the entire family, especially our children, in protecting the environment
- ✓ develop a useful organic fertilizer we can use in our garden from your garbage



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